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The Socialist Rifle Association is a not-for-profit organization, incorporated in Wichita, Kansas and filing as a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization federally. We are an organization dedicated to educating on and advocating for all aspects of self and community defense. Article Two of our Bylaws states our purpose clearly:

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"...We recognize all aspects of self and community defense to include topics such as firearms, disaster relief, medicine, logistics, agriculture, general survival skills, and other pursuits necessary to unify and strengthen communities against the hardships of life under capitalism.

We seek, advocate for, and advance an inclusive, safe, and healthy firearms culture in America to combat the toxic, right-wing, and exclusionary firearm culture in place today.

We work to create a platform, environment, and community of members and like-minded individuals that are free of reactionary influences and prejudices, such as racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, and other discriminatory ideologies.

We maintain the necessity of and work towards the implementation of an anti-capitalist platform for protecting and promoting the inherent human right to defend oneself and one's community."

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WE KEEP US SAFE

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RANGE SAFETY BASICS

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PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST RANGE DAY!

In advance of your first range day, familiarize yourself with basic safety procedures and equipment

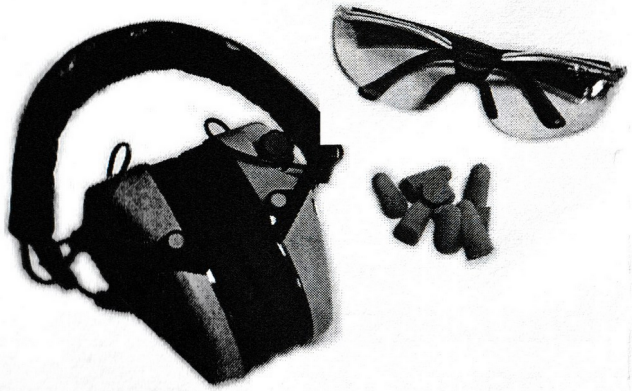
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Always wear your PPE!
Put it on before you go onto the range/firing line

Eye Protection Prevents shell casings from hitting you in the eye. Should be ANSI Z87.1 rated. Rx safety glasses with side shields are available.

Ear Protection Available as in-ear (plugs) and outside the ear (muffs) and can be doubled up for increased protection. Electronic earpro can make communication on the range easier.

Clothing Avoid excessively baggy or draping clothing. This will help prevent shell casings from getting into your clothing and causing burns. Wear closed toed shoes.



LEAD MITIGATION

During shooting, avoid touching your face. Do not eat or drink on the firing line.

After shooting, wash your hands with soap and cool water to wash away lead and other contaminants. Wash up to the elbow.

4 BASIC RULES OF FIREARMS SAFETY

Always treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
The difference between an unloaded and a loaded gun isn't always obvious.

Control your muzzle at all times.
Never point your gun at anything you're not willing to destroy.

Always keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to fire.
Gun etiquette necessitates your finger be outside the trigger guard and resting it along the barrel.

Be aware of your target and what's beyond it.
Pay attention to your surroundings, your bullets can pass through your targets and hit what's behind it.

COMMON RANGE COMMANDS

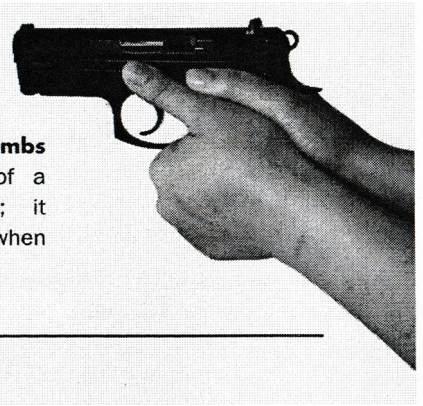
"Cease fire!" Stop firing immediately. Unload your firearm, and put it down, action open and facing up. Step back from the firing line and await further instruction.

"Load" You may approach the firing line and make your firearm ready to fire. Do not fire yet.

"Commence firing" You may handle your firearm, make it ready to fire, and fire on your target.

GRIPPING A HANDGUN SAFELY

Never put your thumbs behind the slide of a semiautomatic pistol; it could lead to injury when the pistol cycles.



CLEARING MALFUNCTIONS

CLEARING A RIFLE MALFUNCTION (AR)

Use the acronym SPORTS to handle the most common malfunctions with an AR pattern rifle.

1. Slap the bottom of the magazine to ensure it is seated properly.
2. Pull the charging handle to the rear and lock the bolt open.
3. Observe the chamber to see if the jam has cleared/ the round/case has been ejected.
4. Release the bolt by pulling back the charging handle and letting it go.
5. Tap the forward assist.
6. Squeeze the trigger.

CLEARING A PISTOL MALFUNCTION

Use "Tap-Tilt Rack" to handle the most common malfunctions with a semiautomatic pistol.

1. Tap the bottom of the magazine to ensure it is seated properly.
2. Tilt pistol in the direction of the ejection port (usually to the right).
3. Rack the slide of the pistol to eject the current round/case (rack several times for a failure to eject).

If these methods do not work, or you suspect you may have experienced a squib (bullet stuck in the barrel), get the Range Safety Officer to assist you.